

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

This amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated February 4, 2005. After entry of this amendment, claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10-14, 27 and 30-38 will be pending in the Application. Claims 4, 9, 15-19, and 21-26 have been canceled. Claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, and 27 have been amended. Claims 30-38 have been newly added. Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested in view of the remarks made below.

#### **1. Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 5 and 10 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, the Applicant has rewritten claims 5 and 10 into independent form and has incorporated the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. The Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 5 and 10 are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 11, 13, and 27 have been amended in order to correct the dependency of the claims. They now depend from allowable independent claim 5.

Claims 30-38 are newly added dependent claims that ultimately depend from independent claim 10. No new matter was added.

The Applicant submits that claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10-14, 27 and 30-38 are now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests notice to that effect.

#### **2. The Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

Claims 2-4, 7-9, 11-14, and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,978,016 to Hayes (hereinafter "Hayes") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,400,913 to Kelly (hereinafter "Kelly"). Claims 15-19 and 23-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of Hayes in view of Kelly and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,657,153 to Hayes. Claim 27 was rejected as being unpatentable in view of Hayes in view of Kelly and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,119,883 to Hock et al.

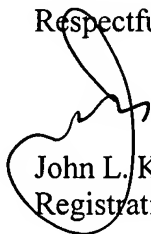
(hereinafter "Hock"). The Applicant respectfully submits that via the amendment noted above in section 1 that these rejections have been overcome.

**3. Conclusion**

The Applicant has made an earnest effort to place this application in condition for allowance. If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of this patent application, he is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at 215-599-0600.

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